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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

WASHIZU, Masao et al.

Serial No.: 09/670,399

Filed: September 27, 2000

Group Art Unit: 1743

Examiner: Jennine M. Brown

For:

METHOD FOR SEPARATING SUBSTANCES USING

DIELECTROPHORETIC FORCES

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: August 14, 2003

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated February 14, 2003, for an additional two months from June 14, 2003 to August 14, 2003 (a one month extension was requested on June 14, 2003).

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$820.00, to cover the cost of the additional extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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